

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
Plaintiff,

v.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY, an agency of the United States,
and ANDREW R. WHEELER, in his
official capacity as Acting Administrator,
Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-00645-RSM

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER FOR JOINT STATUS
REPORT**

COME NOW Plaintiff THE STATE OF WASHINGTON and Defendants
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("EPA") and ANDREW R. WHEELER
hereby provide the Court with a Joint Status Report.

As the Court is aware, in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") suit, Plaintiff
seeks records of communications from EPA employees to former and current members of
any EPA Federal Advisory Committee related to a directive issued by then-Administrator
Pruitt on October 31, 2017, and occurring between that date and March 1, 2018. Since
the last status report, the parties have reached a resolution concerning Plaintiff's claims,
with the exception of Plaintiff's claim for attorneys' fees and costs. The parties will
require additional time to allow for settlement discussions concerning fees and costs, and
if appropriate, time to seek settlement authority.

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1 In order to permit the parties with enough time to engage in settlement discussions
2 that, if successful, would fully resolve this case, the parties jointly propose a joint status
3 report to be filed on or before April 22, 2019.

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5 DATED this 22th day of March, 2019.

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ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before April 22, 2019.

Dated this 27th day of March 2019.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE